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Re: Select Committee Hearings on September 29-30, 2022

Dear Mr. Rush:

We write on behalf of District Attorney Larry Krasner and The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office ("DAO") regarding the upcoming hearings scheduled by the Select Committee on Restoring Law and Order's ("Select Committee") on September 29-30, 2022.

In order to ensure that members of the public are provided accurate information during the Select Committee's hearings and that the residents of Philadelphia (whose duly-elected district attorney has been targeted for impeachment by the Select Committee even though he has not committed an impeachable act) are provided an opportunity to attend and participate in these hearings, we respectfully request the following:

1. Conduct the Hearings at a Large Venue that is Accessible to Most Philadelphians.

We understand that the Select Committee intends to hold its hearings at the Symposium Room at the Naval Yard. This venue is not accessible to most Philadelphians, especially low income people who rely on public transportation. It is located within a difficult-to-enter facility. And it accommodates only about 150 people. The hearings should take place at a much larger venue in Philadelphia that is accessible to most Philadelphians by public transportation. The hearings should also take place at night when many people are off work. Here are four suitable options, each of which can accommodate more than 500 people, is accessible by public transportation, is located in a community that is representative of Philadelphia's diverse population, and will be provided at no cost to the taxpayer:

- Yesha Ministries Fellowship Hall, 2301 Snyder Ave., Phila. (Bishop James Robinson)
- Masjidullah, 7401 Limekiln Pike, Phila. (Imam Idris Abdul-Zahir)
- Philadelphia Masjid, 4700 Wyalusing Ave., Phila. (Imam Kenneth Nuriddin)
- Mother Bethel AME, 419 S. 6th St., Phila. (Rev. Dr. Mark Tyler).

2. Give District Attorney Krasner the Opportunity to Speak and to Answer Questions from the Select Committee.

Because the Select Committee was expressly formed to investigate and target District Attorney Krasner for impeachment, it is only fair that he be given the opportunity to speak and to answer any questions from the Select Committee at these hearings. You denied him the opportunity to appear and to speak to the House before the rushed vote to hold him in contempt of the House on September 13, 2022. Do not make the same mistake again.

3. Afford Philadelphians – Not Just the Ones Handpicked by the Select Committee – Ample Opportunity to Be Heard During these Hearings.

As you know, House Resolution 216 (“HR 216”) singles out the City of Philadelphia for its investigation, even though crime has increased in large swathes of the Commonwealth, including the counties represented by the sponsors of HR 216. And the effort to impeach and remove District Attorney Krasner from office seeks to erase the votes of the Philadelphians who elected him.

The residents of Philadelphia should therefore be given the opportunity to attend the hearings and make their voices heard. The Select Committee should not be allowed to decide, on its own, which individuals are allowed to speak throughout the hearings. We therefore propose that the hearings be split three-ways. One-third of each hearing will consist of statements or testimony by individuals called by the Select Committee. One-third of each hearing will consist of statements or testimony by individuals called by District Attorney Krasner. And one-third of each hearing will consist of statements or testimony by Philadelphians in attendance. This is both reasonable and fair to the Select Committee, District Attorney Krasner, and the residents of Philadelphia.

As we have stated previously in letters and in our Petition for Review filed in Commonwealth Court, we do not believe that the Select Committee is engaged in a legitimate and proper investigation. Nonetheless, District Attorney Krasner requests the opportunity to attend and participate in these hearings. We also request that the hearings be conducted in a

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venue and in a manner that affords the residents of Philadelphia the opportunity to attend and participate in these hearings. What we have proposed is both fair and reasonable to the Select Committee, to District Attorney Krasner, and, most importantly, to the residents of Philadelphia.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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